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To: All Certified Laboratories Reporting Drinking Water Results to ODW

### NEW State Classified Water Quality List

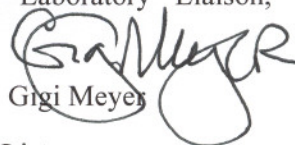
The Virginia Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water (ODW) will implement a new standard for reporting sample results in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010 with the introduction of the State Classified Water Quality List (dated January 2010.) The list provides a clear and consistent expectation of results required in each water quality panel to be reported to ODW. The list was created after an extensive review of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Primary and Secondary Drinking Water parameters, and the revised water quality characterization needs for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

All laboratories must report sample results using the panels listed on the State Classified Water Quality List. Please note that some State Classification codes and panel names have changed. Monitoring Schedules sent out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2010 (April – June 2010) will reflect these changes. A timetable for submitting sample results in this new format is given below:

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010 Monitoring Schedule will be sent out no later than March 15, 2010 to all laboratories currently using electronic reporting of results.
- Laboratories reporting electronically will have the opportunity to report sample results using the new State Classification codes and panel requirements as early as March 1, 2010 but no later than April 12, 2010. This time frame will provide some flexibility in incorporating the new requirements into electronic submission reports.
- Laboratories who report using paper reports sent to an ODW Field Office must begin reporting using the new requirements outlined in the State Classified Water Quality List no later than April 12, 2010.
- All laboratories reporting Drinking Water Results to ODW must submit sample results (all parameters within each required panel) using the new water quality panel requirements outlined on the State Classified Water Quality List no later than April 12, 2010.

If a contaminant is detected by routine laboratory methods but not required on the official panel, it should be reported to ODW in the continued interest of protecting public health. A list of contaminants, termed "Optional Water Quality Parameters" can be found on the ODW website. For more information and updates, please visit: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/DrinkingWater/laboratories/>

For questions regarding the State Classified Water Quality List, Optional Water Quality Parameter List or Monitoring Schedule, please contact Gigi Meyer, Laboratory Liaison, at (804) 864-7491 or [gigi.meyer@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:gigi.meyer@vdh.virginia.gov).

  
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Attachment: State Classified Water Quality Monitoring List